



## Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission Regular Meeting

### Minutes

Wednesday – September 8, 2010

The Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission convened in a regular meeting Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas, City Hall, Room 1101.

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#### Current Commission Members:

Chip Rosenthal, Chair	Kedron Touvell, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Randall Kolb	Melvin White

The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

#### 1. Call to order – September 8, 2010 - 6:33 p.m.

##### Commission members in attendance:

Chip Rosenthal, Chair  
Kedron Touvell, Vice Chair  
Lemuel Williams, Jr.  
Melvin White  
Randall Kolb

Commissioner absent Wendell Ramsey

##### City Staff in attendance

Rondella Hawkins  
Paul Lewis  
Jane Reina

#### 2. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda was adopted by consent of the Commission

### 3. Citizen Communication: General

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Davis Griffin stated Public Access Community Television (PACT aka channelAustin) will not allow him to use the public access facilities because he filed a law suit against them. He is going to court for a determination of this decision.

Sue Ann Campbell opposes the decision of Time Warner Cable to make the PEG channels digital.

### 4. Approval of minutes – August 11, 2010 Commission regular meeting and August 17, 2010 Work Session.

Commissioner Rosenthal stated that at this Commission's August regular meeting he made some heated statements regarding Time Warner changing the PEG channels to a digital format and apologized for his statements.

**The minutes from the regular meeting of August 11, 2010 and work session of August 17, 2010 were approved on Commissioner Williams' motion; Commissioner White's second. Motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote. (Commissioner Ramsey absent.)**

### 5. Staff Briefings

- a. Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp5)

Rondella Hawkins, Manager of the City of Austin's Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs did not have any legislative, regulatory and policy updates to present.

Ms. Hawkins reported on the Time Warner Cable conversion of the Public, Educational & Government (PEG) channels from analog to digital delivery on October 1, 2010. A Council resolution was passed August 26, 2010 regarding this.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=142076>

### 6. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on Commission recommendation for Public Access Management Services Contract request for proposal (RFP) scope of work. (Touvell) (wp1)

Citizen Communications: Sue Ann Campbell would like the RFP to require public access managers to follow the constitution. Would like the City to stop taking a hands off approach to the management of the public access studios and equipment.

**Motion to approve the recommendation for the Public Access Management Services contract was approved on Commissioner White's motion; Commissioner Williams' second. Motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote. (Commissioner Ramsey absent.)**

<http://coacfprod.coacd.org/cityclerk/bcic/attachments/10/903/20100908-access-contract-recommendations-FINAL.pdf>

### 7. New Business

- a. Update reports on networking relationships with other boards/commissions and groups, citywide and Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (ACT&TC) information items.

Ms. Hawkins gave a brief update on the Technology Ascertainment Survey. The survey will be mailed out in October 2010. Final report on the survey should be around January 2011.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=141942>

Commissioner Rosenthal gave an update to the Council Committee on Emerging Technology on September 8<sup>th</sup> which included Time Warner's decision to remove the PEG channels from the analog service and the RFP for public access television management.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=141901>

## **8. Discussion of agenda items for ACT&TC future meetings.**

The October 13, 2010 meeting will be this Commission Workplan Retreat that will start at 6:00 pm.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 87:50 pm

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